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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Zvi Caspi has been appointed consul-general in Montreal. He has recently been on loan from the Foreign Ministry to serve as Director of Development at Sha'ar Zedek Hospital, Jerusalem.

Archimandrite Anthony Grabbe, Chief of the Russian Ecclesiastical Mission in Jerusalem, has returned to his post after recovering from an orthopaedic operation. The Archimandrite had been injured in an accident near Tiberias.

The Rotary Club of Tel Aviv-Jaffa will be addressed today by the secretary of the Tel Aviv Labour Council, Dov Ben Meir, on "The Challenges to Israeli Society" at ZOA House, at 1.15.

Birth

REJWAN. To Devora and Danny, a first son, grandson to Giora (Goga) and Maurice Rejwan, and Gisela and Moshe German, Moshav Udin, great-grandson to Simcha and Ovadia Rejwan. The birth will take place on Sunday, February 6, 1977, at 1 p.m. at the Rejwan residence, 19 Rehov Tchernobovskiy, Jerusalem.

Seidel won't join Likud this week

TEL AVIV. — Hillel Seidel, who quit the Independent Liberal Party on Tuesday, met yesterday with Likud leader Menachem Begin. Seidel told *The Jerusalem Post* that he had made a preliminary call on Begin and no final decision had been made on his joining Likud. "My most realistic option is to join the Likud, and now that I am free, I can make the decision," he explained. However, he is awaiting the return to Israel of Liberal Party Chairman Simcha Eirlich and expects to make his final decision next Monday.

Seidel rejected the demand from ILP leader and Tourism Minister Moshe Kol that he resign his seat. He pointed out that Kol and Minister without portfolio Gideon Hausner had both resigned their seats to let two other ILP members join the Knesset, and they saw nothing wrong with these two MKs being in the Knesset despite not having been elected.

Some 1,000 ILP members belonging to a Rumanian immigrant group denounced Seidel's move yesterday, according to the group's chairman, MK Yehuda Sha'ari.

Knesset c'tees against TV ads

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
No decision will be taken about TV advertising till after the elections, at least. Meanwhile, the consensus in the two Knesset bodies responsible for TV is solidly against advertising. At a meeting yesterday of the joint sub-committee drawn from the Education Committee and the Education Committee, Education Minister Aharon Yadin said that Israel TV needed IL30-IL40m. for urgent development next year. But the MKs agreed that the Broadcasting Authority should either find the money it needed in a bigger budget, or save on other items.

Large poll turnout as Labour gears for leadership struggle

By YOSEF GOELL, Jerusalem Post Reporter

The 60 per cent-plus participation in Tuesday's voting to the Labour Party convention and local branch institutions was fairly consistent throughout the country. Somewhat over 160,000 of the 250,000 members who had registered as party members two months ago voted.

Voting was particularly high in the Arab sector, where 79 per cent of the members went to the polling booths. The final results and the names of the winning candidates will not be known till early this morning as the tabulation of the ballots was to continue throughout the night at the Labour Party offices in Tel Aviv.

The 60 per cent figure is high compared with previous elections for the party convention. It perhaps is expected to develop at the convention in the party around the race for the leadership. It was impossible to ascertain last night how the new convention delegate would divide between Rabin and Peres supporters, but both camps have already launched intensive lobbying activity among the new delegates.

In one example in Jerusalem yesterday, 48 local Labour Party activists, ranging from Deputy Mayor Yosef Gadish and Akiva Anzari through many chairmen of neighbourhood committees and works committees, came out in favour of Peres. It is believed that many of these will be members of the Jerusalem contingent to the convention.

The first procedural fight that is expected to arise at the convention will be over the question of the body

which will select the party's candidate for Prime Minister: The convention itself, or the new Central Committee it will elect.

Traditionally the Central Committee has been the body to name the party's leading representatives in State, Histadrut and Jewish Agency bodies. There has been no precedent, however, for a challenge to an incumbent Prime Minister as is the present case. Informed party sources tend to believe that a decision in the convention itself would tend to favour Peres while Rabin would have more support in the Central Committee itself, which consists largely of party functionaries and its national leadership.

Another factor to be taken into consideration is Rabin's planned visit to the U.S. at the beginning of March. The Central Committee would not convene to decide on the Rabin-Peres contest before Rabin's return from Washington. It is expected that, if the decision is left up to that body, it would be influenced by whatever impression of support the Carter Administration could lend to the Rabin candidacy during his visit.

The major development of interest in the election of local party institutions would seem to be in the Givatayim branch. There, groups opposed to incumbent Mayor Kuba Kreisman were reported to have won a majority on the branch council. This opposition, led by Knesset members Adi Amoral and Yosef Barish, is intent on unseating Kreisman in the next mayoral elections.

Golda 'confused' by political scene

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Golda Meir admitted she was "mixed up as never before" by the pre-election political scene. In the past, she told members of the Keren Hayesod Israel Union yesterday, there were "the historical parties" which shaped the things to come. Today "new groups with old mixing hawks and doves in a strange menagerie," made predic-

tions hazardous.

The 40-man delegation of "big donors" arrived early yesterday morning for a three and half day visit, during which they will announce the 1977 campaign for Keren Hayesod in South Africa. They breakfasted with Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, called on President Ephraim Katzir in the afternoon, and heard Defence Minister Shimon Peres in the evening.

Labour moshavniks criticize Mapam

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Knesset member Amos Hadar and other Labour Party leaders of the Moshav Movement yesterday recommended discontinuing the Alignment with Mapam. The moshav bloc in Labour will control close to 10 per cent of the votes in the forthcoming convention. At the meeting of the moshav bloc's council here most speakers who expressed preferences in the competition for the premiership supported Defence Minister Shimon

Peres. But practically all the speakers criticized Mapam for trying to dictate to the senior party whom its leaders should be.

The decision adopted at yesterday's meeting said the council "forcefully rejected Mapam's attempts to intervene in (Labour's) internal affairs." But those who advocated breaking up the Alignment did not table a resolution calling for it. "You've got to have courage to make such a move and I'm not sure everybody here has it," one of the delegates told *The Jerusalem Post*.

Offer investigation over but probe of Shikun Ovdin continues

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The investigation into the suicide of the late Housing Minister, Avraham Ofer, has virtually ended, it was learned yesterday from police sources. But the police probe into the charges of irregularities in the affairs of Shikun Ovdin while he headed the company is continuing.

The Housing Minister was found dead in his automobile at Tel Baruch beach on January 3. Beside him was a suicide note and the pistol with which he killed himself.

The purpose of the investigation into his death was, according to one source, to make certain beyond a shadow of doubt that it was suicide. The police normally carry out such

investigations, although seldom do they take such a long time.

Prior to Ofer's death, allegations concerning his management of the Histadrut's housing concern were being checked out by a police team headed by Reuven Minkowsky of the national police investigations section.

Following the minister's suicide, the Attorney-General ordered that those matters pertaining to him should be dropped, but noted that the investigation of other individuals involved in the case should continue where warranted.

The team is reportedly checking suspicious funds from Shikun Ovdin which had found their way to Labour Party coffers. This is unconfirmed by police sources.

Flatto committee meets Zadok

Members of the National Committee to Prevent the Extradition of Shmuel Flatto met yesterday with Shmuel Flatto's attorney, Haim Zadok. In a cordial atmosphere, they explained to him their motives for taking action on behalf of the millionaire businessman whose extradition is requested by France. The committee told the Minister that for "humanitarian, national and

Zionist" reasons, Samuel (Sharon) Flatto should not be returned to France. In releasing terrorist Abu Daoud last month, the French government insulted Jewish national pride, the group said.

The members of the delegation, who presented the Minister with a petition signed by 30,000 people, claimed that none of them is personally acquainted with Flatto.

Mother of missing girl heaps praise on officials

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Hana Kahn of Rehovot, whose daughter Aliza, 17, has been missing somewhere in Europe since she left home last August 16, praised officials of the Spanish and British consulates yesterday for the help they have rendered.

Aliza carried British and Israeli passports. Her mother praised John Skelton, First Secretary and Consul-General of the British Embassy for his assistance in an attempt to track down the girl.

The teenager was last seen October 3 leaving Gibraltar for Marbella, Spain, on a private yacht. Spanish police records indicate she arrived in Marbella but her whereabouts since then are not known.

On January 26, Hana Kahn learned that the skeleton of a girl was found inside a sleeping bag in a linen pit in Marbella. She contacted the Spanish Consulate in Jerusalem who telephoned the Governor of Seville to ask that an autopsy be performed to determine the identity of this skeleton.

Mrs. Kahn told *The Jerusalem Post* the Spanish Consul told her yesterday that he expects an answer shortly and will be in touch with her. She had the highest praise for the Spanish police who, she said, have been very helpful. She urged anyone in Israel who may know of her daughter's whereabouts to call the local police.



Photographer Yisram Asgad yesterday snapped this picture of large sides of meat transported in a military vehicle under conditions questionable for hygienic and other reasons. He saw two men in civilian dress carrying one side of meat to the truck from the

cold storage plant of a large meat retailer in Ra'anana. When they saw the photographer the men jumped into the pick-up truck and sped away. Contacted by *The Jerusalem Post*, army authorities said they were looking into the matter.

Poland recognizes Jewish claims

By MARK SEGAL

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
LONDON. — A major breakthrough in Poland's attitude towards Jewish claims was signalled in a statement by the Polish consul-general in London.

Meeting recently with leaders of the Association of Polish Jews in Britain, W. Rybczynski said that Poland recognizes, in principle that its former Jewish citizens have legitimate claims and Poland wished to settle this matter. They met at the Polish Embassy.

The association had submitted a memorandum on this matter of Jewish claims to the Polish ambassador one year ago.

The Polish diplomat said that the meeting underlined his government's sincere intentions and goodwill. As to their demand for compensation for the huge quantity of Jewish communal property taken by the Polish authorities, Rybczynski said the matter will be taken up in Warsaw. His government will seriously consider the proposal that an international Jewish delegation conduct these negotiations.

British firm may bow to boycott

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Metal Box, the huge British container firm, is considering pulling out of its 25-year-old investment in Israel because of clients' fears of the Arab boycott.

The company which has an annual turnover of \$500m. told the press that it was now discussing ending its investment in the Israel Can Company. It controls 27 per cent of the firm's shares and has a know-how agreement as well.

A company spokesman said: "We are closely examining the implications and the feasibility of disposing of our interest." The British company is seriously worried by pressures from its customers. Arab countries including Kuwait and Saudi Arabia have reportedly warned Metal Box customers that they would be unable to sell their products in the Middle East, if they use Metal Box containers.

Metal Box has been on the boycott list for some years, along with another 1,000 British firms, because of its interest in Israel Can. A company spokesman said pressure became more intensive 18 months ago, following a worldwide advertising campaign for its container products.

Metal Box allowed its membership in the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce to lapse a number of years ago. Meanwhile prominent display has been given to reports from Israel that the Transport Ministry decided not to order some hundreds of bus chassis from British Leyland after that firm announced it was not rejoining the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce. Business circles here believe that steps of that kind could bring home to British firms that they stand to lose Israeli business as well.

The British government is unhappy with the Arab boycott but sticks to the line that it cannot intervene in a commercial decision that must be taken by the company involved. Assurance is growing here for a firm or British stand on the boycott. The effects of the boycott are reflected in falling British exports to Israel. Last year they rose by only five per cent — from £238m. to £249m. Israel exports to Britain, on the other hand, jumped by more than 40 per cent — from £91m. to £128m.

Wadi Kelt saved by ministry laboratory

Congratulations on saving Wadi Kelt from pollution are contained in a letter sent by Aluf (Gen.) Avraham Yoffe, head of the Nature Reserves Authority, to the Israel Physics Laboratory, in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The laboratory took energetic action to stop the East Jerusalem Electricity Company from channelling waste products into the wadi. A purification plant has been put up instead, thus preserving this beauty spot for the general public.

SOME 63,000 workers from the administered areas are employed in Israel. According to the Employment Office, there were 43,420 persons working in Israel in the last week of January 1977 and it is estimated that another 20,000 are employed outside of the employment service.

Equal broadcast time demanded in High Court injunction

The High Court yesterday issued an order nisi requiring the chairman of the Central Elections Committee and the Broadcasting Authority to justify their division of TV and radio broadcast time among the various parties in the forthcoming Knesset elections campaign.

The order was requested by Tel Aviv advocate Yehuda Resaler. It calls upon the respondents to explain within 20 days why all parties should not be granted equal time on the air without regard to their size in the outgoing Knesset or whether they existed at all previously.

Mr. Resaler stated in his application that all parties contesting a Knesset election are equal in that

each gets 10 minutes of television time and 25 minutes of radio time in which to broadcast. In addition, however, the veteran parties get an additional four minutes of TV time and 10 minutes on the radio for each seat they have in the Eighth Knesset.

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Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu plants a juniper sapling handed to him by Knesset gardener Yosef Cohen. The planting was done yesterday in a new 20-dunam park outside the Knesset, dedicated in honour of the Knesset's 28th birthday. (Samphot)

Sha'ar Hagai gets new trees today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The main Tu B'Shvat (Arbour Day) planting ceremony of the Jewish National Fund will be held today in the Sha'ar Hagai Forest on the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway, which has been ravaged in recent years by a mysterious disease and forest fires. Among the guests of honour will be mothers and grandmothers, who will plant trees in honour of Israel's children on the first 600 dunams to be restored.

Appropriate to the holiday, designated in Rabbinic sources as the New Year of Trees, the weather man promises "spring-like" weather all over the country. School and kindergarten children will be out at 11 o'clock.

Tu B'Shvat outings have been organized by the Jerusalem Municipality and the Nature Reserve Authority in new neighbourhoods, old age homes,

youth centres and hospitals around the city.

Two exhibitions of children's drawings on the themes "The Birthday of Trees" and "An Encounter with Living Things" will open at Jerusalem's Beit Ha'am this afternoon.

Tel Aviv's central planting ceremony will take place this morning in Kiryat Shalom on a 25 dunam area; 500 trees will be planted in the afternoon in Zabalat. Land adjacent to the arrivals hall at Ben-Gurion Airport will be planted with trees today. Cleared from garbage and rocks largely by volunteers, the land is part of 100 dunams on the airport grounds to be turned green.

Four hundred evergreen junipers rooted in a newly filled hole on the grounds of the Knesset yesterday in the presence of the Knesset Speaker marked the 28th anniversary of the founding of the parliament. (See Tu B'Shvat — page 5)

Israel and Holland to work together for flower dollars

By YITZHAK OKED, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — There will be no Wars of the Roses, carnations, tulips or any flowers between Israel and Holland, Reuven Eiland, director-general of the Agriculture Ministry, told the press here yesterday. Eiland, who had just returned from a trip to Europe, said it had been agreed with Holland to form a committee to study the possibility of exporting flowers together.

Holland is a major exporter of flowers throughout the year while Israel's growing flower power is active only during the winter months. The bi-national committee will meet in Jerusalem in the middle of March to seek an agreement to cover the sale of flowers by both countries to areas outside of the European Common Market.

Both countries are interested in a mutual export arrangement, it was learned. The U.S. and Canada are expected to be the first markets that Israel and Holland will seek together.

Yaheloma Shehori, director of the foreign trade centre of the Agriculture Ministry, said she expected there would be many difficulties to overcome before both countries could sell in the American market.

She said Israel expects to export \$24m. in flowers this winter and \$37.5m. next year. According to the latest figures from Dutch officials, Holland exported \$217.1m. in flowers from November 1974 through October 1975.

Nablus schools closed after riot

Jerusalem Post Military Reporter

All schools in Nablus were closed yesterday as groups of pupils in the town rioted. Early in the morning they attacked a tourist bus smashing the windshield but causing no casualties.

Studies were also interrupted yesterday at the girls' high school Ramallah.

The cause of the unrest — not its second day — was the demand by youngsters in these towns for release of Arab prisoners being held for security offences.

Testament had been rammed by pupils. Last night they were being held for questioning.

Hair may be clue to missing Holon widow

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Hair found in a Hebron may provide a clue to whereabouts of Rachel Bason, Holon widow, who disappeared week after her Rehovot Rabbi's apartment had been ransacked. Police yesterday refused to what led them to the Hebron was learned, however, that a \$150,000 reward was offered members of the widow's family earlier this week, dozens of have been received.

Police are still trying to locate Volkswagen (license 312-054) which may be connected with the case. Tuesday an anonymous caller told a member of the family that the car had been seen in a Volkswagen. The police know who owns the car but have not yet been able to locate the person.

The police meanwhile are holding two suspects, both from the Bank One, who worked in a plastics factory together with Bason, is believed to have negot with her regarding gold coins. Information from this suspect have led to the questioning of Tulkarm Jeweller by the police yesterday.

Women rob Post deliveryman

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A 43-year-old man was attacked by two women yesterday morning and robbed of IL2, David Nahum, 43, a newspaper distributor for *The Jerusalem Post*, said he had come to the Post office on Rehov Carlebach at 4.30 a.m. to pick up the day's papers.

As he was about to enter the building, a woman started fighting him. As he told her to leave alone, she suddenly felt her hair being pulled.

She took his wallet, with IL2, but before she could run, Nahum grabbed her. A second woman who had been waiting nearby, running towards him with a knife in her hand. "Let go of her," the girl shouted. "If you yell, I'll kill you."

Nahum cut his hand as he tried to grab the knife from the second woman and the one he was being robbed free. She and her friend broke by a man, and the three fled a taxi that had suddenly stopped while the scuffle was underway.

According to one distributor many prostitutes wait on Rehov Carlebach during the early morning hours soliciting men who come to nearby wholesale market.

Three skulls found in Ein Karem cave

Three skulls were found by police in a cardboard box inside a Jerusalem's Ein Karem section. Police arrived at the cave yard of an Ein Karem home to find stolen property. After the cave — which was locked — door set in the stone — they found skulls lying next to 140 recordings, two tape recorders they believe it stolen.

Police sent the skulls to be checked at the forensic institute at Tel Kabir.

Cars beat thief 5:0

Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMAT GAN. — An incompetent thief was caught red-handed yesterday after breaking into five cars none of which he managed to start.

The offender was systematically picking the locks of cars parked at the Bar-Ilan University when he was spotted by an security officer, who called police.

Police found the thief sitting Ford Escort which he was vainly trying to start.

Phosphate firm try and control Ashdod pollution

Jerusalem Post Reporter

After Ashdod residents charge their air is being polluted by clouds of dust from the phosphate terminal in Ashdod port, the Negve Phosphate Company has decided to try IL\$3m. to find methods to stop pollution.

The drive to control pollution announced by Commerce and Industry Minister Haim Bar-Lev in Knesset on Tuesday, Bar-Lev answering a member's question the subject raised by Yosef Tamir, the Likud, chairman of the Knesset environmental committee.

Bar-Lev said the problem would be tackled by his own ministry's Israel Physics Laboratory. The laboratory will get IL\$3m. to investigate health hazards from phosphate dust, and another IL\$3m. to ecologically safe methods of land phosphates on ships in Ashdod's port.

COMPLAINTS to the Public Complaints Commissioner, from now on be directed via various municipal information files.

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In deep sorrow, we announce the death of my dear husband, uncle
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The funeral will take place today, Thursday, February 3, 1977,
leaving at 2.45 p.m. from the Municipal Funeral Parlour,
8 Rehov Dafna, Tel Aviv, for the Biala cemetery.

Survivors:
Wife, Ella Felicia
Niece, Janina Fiedler



Migdal-Binyan's latest plan

Indira's rule shaken as three leaders quit

NEW DELHI. — A major split in India's ruling Congress Party appeared imminent after three of its senior members resigned yesterday and strongly attacked the post-emergency policies of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

The defection of the three, headed by Agriculture Minister Jagjivan Ram, one of the Party's oldest members, came only six weeks before general elections were due.

It was the most serious political development for Mrs. Gandhi since she imposed a state of emergency on the country in June 1975 and jailed thousands of her opponents.

The defecting group appealed to "all right-thinking Congressmen" to assert themselves openly against what they called the trend towards despotic rule in the Congress organization.

Ram, 68, announced his resignation from the cabinet and the Congress Party at a news conference here. He was joined at the conference by the people's interests.

Minister of the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, Hemwati Nandan Bahuguna, and the recently ousted Chief Minister of the eastern state of Orissa, Mrs. Nandini Sahaspathy.

Ram, a leader of India's former

Untouchables, also announced formation of a Congress for Democracy, which he said would seek to defeat the Prime Minister in the coming elections with the aid of the new non-Communist Janata opposition alliance.

In what appeared to be a clear reference to Sanjay Gandhi, the newly powerful younger son of the Prime Minister, the group said chief ministers who did not submit to the dictates of "some individuals" were toppled from power even though they enjoyed comfortable majorities in their own state assemblies.

Prime Minister Gandhi reacted angrily to the resignations. She said it was strange Ram should have remained silent for so long, after being a cabinet member directly associated with every decision on national policies.

The opposition Janata Party, an election front comprising the four main non-Communist parties, welcomed the defections with unconcealed delight. Although none of the defectors has joined the Janata Party, Ram said his group would avoid triangular election contests.

2nd Carter choice in trouble

WASHINGTON. — Paul Warnke, President Jimmy Carter's reported choice to be the chief U.S. disarmament negotiator, is running into some opposition from senators who regard Warnke as too soft on arms control issues.

Opponents of the appointment contend that Warnke in the past has advocated more sweeping reductions in U.S. forces than the Soviet Union has sought in the SALT negotiations.

Warnke would be the second Carter choice to run into trouble. Last month attorney Theodore Sorenson, former speech-writer for President John Kennedy, withdrew his name as new director of the Central Intelligence Agency when he ran into Senate opposition.

An indication that a campaign against Warnke is underway was the

distribution to several senators of an unsigned memorandum which says the former U.S. Defense Department official advocates "unilateral" abandonment of every weapons system which is subject to negotiation at SALT (as well as many others which are not under discussion).

A copy of the four-page memo was obtained by the Associated Press.

Warnke, a Washington lawyer, served in the Pentagon from 1966 through 1968.

Sources at the State Department have said that Warnke was the choice for the arms-control job; but no official announcement of the nomination has come from the White House. The delay was explained as a technical matter apparently involving completion of a security check by the FBI.

Coup threatens in Thailand

BANGKOK. — Thailand's military government quietly placed key troops around Bangkok on a "precautionary alert" on Tuesday, reportedly as a result of a split among the ruling generals and rumors of a coup.

Some sources said the divisions among the generals are so serious that civilian Prime Minister Thanin Kraivichien is planning to resign from the post he assumed less than four months ago.

Official sources confirmed that

military units around the capital had been placed on alert, although no public announcement was made. It was believed that this would preclude any action toward a coup by members of the ruling Military Committee who are known to be dissatisfied.

Informed Western diplomats felt the rumors in Bangkok the past 48 hours were "premature." But they agreed these pointed up very real differences among the generals who ousted the democratic government last October.

Many observers believe that change will soon be made among both the ruling military committee and the appointed civilian cabinet.

Plague in Saigon

GENEVA. — The World Health Organization said on Monday that Vietnam has reported two minor outbreaks of cholera and plague, both in Ho Chi Minhville, the former Saigon, during January. No further details were given.



BACK IN FRANCE. — Françoise Claustre is driven to a Toulouse clinic with her husband Pierre upon her return here from Libya on Tuesday. The French archaeologist was freed after being held for 33 months by rebels in the Chad desert. (AP Wirephoto)

Freeze may block U.S. industry till summer

CHICAGO. — New blizzards left snow piled two storeys high over parts of the northeast yesterday, deepening a cold-triggered energy crisis that has idled more than 2.5 million workers and could cripple U.S. industry until summer.

A federal energy official said factory closings and layoffs that are saving gas this winter could last until April. The reason was that Federal Power Commission regulations require that reserves be restored before industrial consumers are given new supplies.

It would then take several months to get distribution back to normal.

The Senate and House of Representatives yesterday passed different versions of President Carter's proposed emergency energy legislation. Congressional leaders hoped to get a finished compromise bill to Carter before the President's "fireside chat" last night.

The national weather service said no significant moderation of temperatures was expected this week. The winter has been the coldest in the U.S. in 80 years, with temperatures averaging minus 30

for December and January but with wind chills dropping the cold to far below zero.

The U.S. Air Force yesterday airlifted army units to relieve the snow-bound city of Buffalo, worst hit of all U.S. cities. More snow fell there as 200 army engineers and heavy-duty vehicles were flown in to help National Guard troops who have been fighting a losing battle to clear city streets of drifts of up to eight metres high.

To the northeast of Buffalo, about 2,000 marines were called in to dig the town out of a six-day blizzard that has left hundreds of cars abandoned and thousands of people marooned in their homes.

Elsewhere in the U.S. a gradual thaw eased Arctic conditions in the Midwest. But it brought new dangers from ice and floods.

Coast Guards in Midwestern states warned that a fast thaw could send huge chunks of ice crashing into barges on major rivers like the Mississippi and the Ohio. Governor James Rhodes of Ohio warned of potentially disastrous floods along the banks of the Ohio.

(AP, Reuter, UPI)

Young calls for new Rhodesia talks

LONDON. — Andrew Young, the new U.S. ambassador to the U.N., said yesterday a successful solution of the Rhodesia problem hinges on a resumption of the stalled Geneva negotiations.

Young arrived here from Washington yesterday on the first leg of his fact-finding trip to South Africa, a 14-hour London stopover during which he was to meet with Ivor Richard, Britain's chief negotiator in the now-deadlocked Geneva talks on the transfer of power to Rhodesia's black majority. Young said, "I would say that

President Carter sees there can be no future for southern Africa unless there is a nationally negotiated peaceful and meaningful agreement.

"The President believes that it is in the interests of the U.S. and the people of southern Africa — black and white — to find a constructive way to live together," Young said.

Young discounted reports the U.S. might take a hard line in Africa. Because Carter is a Southerner, he said, African leaders should find "more sympathy and understanding than in any other president."

(UPI)

Army alert in E. Germany

BERLIN. — The East German armed forces have been put on increased alert. Western reports said yesterday.

West German newspapers said fear of widespread dissident unrest or other disturbances was the apparent reason.

The newspapers also said a mobilisation call had gone out to East German men under 35.

The Communist East German government or its party outlets had not said anything on the subject.

"We have learned that the National People's Army has been put on increased alert and that furloughs from some units were cancelled," a spokesman for a West German agency specializing in East German affairs said. However, the agency knew nothing about any special orders for the callup of additional men.

An Allied spokesman said "we are aware of the mobilisation reports but we have not confirmed them." He said U.S., British and French garrisons in West Berlin had not been put on special alert.

The West German newspaper "Die Welt" said the East German callup orders were addressed to reservists under 35. It said Allied observers from Berlin to Bonn to Nato headquarters in Brussels were watching the developments.

(AP)

Soviets said trying to radio power

WASHINGTON. — Mysterious radio signals suggest the Soviets are experimenting with wireless transmission of electrical power, "The Washington Star" reports.

The radio signals have been disrupting worldwide communications for months and have been monitored closely, particularly in Canada.

In a story in its Monday edition, "The Star" said there is no proof the signals involve transmission of electrical power; but it added that some Canadian specialists speculate the Soviets are experimenting with a process for doing so that was developed by Nikola Tesla, a Yugoslav inventor who died in 1943.

Tesla proved in 1900 that the Earth could be used to conduct electricity in waves of the right pitch. He succeeded in lighting 300 lamps at distances of 40 km. without wires.

The newspaper said the speculation that the Soviets are experimenting with wireless power transmission has been fueled by a report that an unidentified Soviet scientist contacted Tesla's last known living assistant.

It quoted the assistant, Arthur H. Matthews, as saying he has had a lot of questions about Tesla's work and some of them came from people with Russian-sounding names.

W. S. Lee, operations director of the Canadian Department of Communications, told "The Star" that the signals came around the Earth to the monitoring stations from both directions.

Scott said it has been determined the signals originate several thousand miles east of Canada, but that the monitoring stations hear them coming from the west even stronger a half-hour later.

(AP)

Sadat: Have tried to better ties with Soviets

CAIRO. — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat denied student accusations that he was aligning himself with the U.S. or Western Europe, and said he had tried without success to improve relations with the Soviet Union.

President Sadat was speaking to representatives of about half a million university students, in the third of a series of meetings with various professional and union groups. The students criticised Sadat's open door economic liberalisation policy and the creation of a multi-party system in Egypt.

They also rejected attempts to recognise Israel in resumed Middle East peace talks in Geneva.

Sadat told the meeting: "Since I assumed power six years ago I have been trying my best to improve relations with the Soviet Union."

"It is obvious that you have been influenced... I am grieved that today you come here and accuse me of having rightist tendencies at the expense of the people's interests," Sadat said.

In a reference to last month's riots over increased food prices, Sadat said: "What happened on January 18 and 19 was an attempt to destroy the country... It was a destructive counter-revolution."

Accused Nazi hit in Chicago

CHICAGO. — Accused Polish Nazi Frank Walus was sprayed in the face with a chemical on Tuesday by a man who approached him on a downtown street, police said.

The man charged a well-dressed local man — Arthur Albert, 35 — with battery in the case. Albert said he had sprayed Walus outside the State of Illinois building in downtown Chicago because "I am a Jew and he is a Nazi." He refused further comment.

The U.S. Justice Department sued last week to revoke Walus' citizenship, acquired in 1970. He was accused of being active in the Gestapo during World War II and "particularly active in the merciless beating and mistreatment of Jewish people."

Walus, 56, was reported in good condition at a Near North Side Hospital.

THANKFUL. — The Shah of Iran yesterday ordered the release of 317 prisoners tomorrow to mark the 29th anniversary of his escape from an assassination attempt.

French ex-envoy to Pope slays family

PARIS. — Gerard Amanrich, former French Ambassador to the Vatican, shot his wife and two children to death late Tuesday and gave himself up to police several hours later.

Police quoted Amanrich, 55, as telling them, "I am a Minister plenipotentiary and I have just murdered my family."

Asked why, he was quoted as saying he had been having financial problems and "I've been very depressed lately and I can't shake myself out of it."

Amanrich, a career diplomat, was ambassador to the Vatican from 1974 until six months ago. On leaving the Vatican he was not given any new assignment.

"I was having such serious money problems that I was having trouble supporting my family," police quoted him as saying. "That is why, completely depressed, I had decided to commit suicide after killing my fami-

ly, but afterward I didn't have the courage to kill myself."

"I took my car and drove around aimlessly, then I tried to put a bullet through my head with a pistol that was in the car, but the gun didn't work," he said.

"I drove along the Seine and wanted to jump into the water but I didn't have the strength to do it. So I looked for the fire police post where I could give myself up."

Police said Amanrich admitted killing his wife Chantal, 52, their daughter Ines, 19, and son Stephane, 16, at about 11 p.m. in their apartment in the well-to-do 18th Arrondissement.

The children's 52-year-old grandmother was in the apartment when the killings occurred but was not injured.

Amanrich had previously been Ambassador to Hungary. He has also served at the UN from 1949 to 1955 and again in 1956, and in London, Belgrade, and Milan. (UPI)

Botswana denies Rhodesian children were kidnapped

GABORONE, Botswana. — Botswana claimed yesterday that the 384 black Rhodesian school children who crossed into Botswana on Sunday were fleeing harassment by Rhodesian security forces.

Rhodesia claims the children were abducted by black nationalist guerrillas at gunpoint and forced across the border to be recruited into the guerrilla forces fighting whites rule in Rhodesia.

A statement from the office of Botswana President Sir Seretse Khama said a "large number" of students selected at random were interviewed and not one supported the

Rhodesian allegations.

"They said they had unambiguously decided to leave Rhodesia because the harassment they had suffered at the hands of the Rhodesian security forces," the statement said.

A Botswana government spokesman said the International Red Cross would be welcome to Botswana to interview the children.

Meanwhile, in Geneva, the International Committee of the Red Cross said yesterday it "is studying Rhodesia's request that it try to negotiate the release of children."

(AP, I)

New anti-Jewish film on Soviet television

Activist: Pre-pogrom atmosphere

MOSCOW. — A group of the Soviet Union's most prominent activist Jews expressed alarm yesterday about what it called a sharp increase in anti-Zionist and anti-Israel propaganda.

The activists told Western correspondents the campaign has brought about a surge of racial enmity against Jews in general, which they said is being officially encouraged.

"It's like the time before a pogrom," said Anatoly Shecharansky, one of the leaders of the Jewish activist movement.

Seventy-six Jews signed a statement condemning an anti-Zionist film called "Traders of Souls," which was shown by the state television network on January 22.

Four of the activists, Shecharansky, Vladimir Slepak, Yuli Kosharovskiy, and Iosif Begun, announced they have filed a suit charging insult "to honour and pride" against the television network.

Last week a noted former Soviet Jewish broadcaster told reporters in Rome about another anti-Semitic film, called "Secret and Other Things." This film suggests that Jews tried to kill Lenin, that "Jewish capital helped Hitler to power," and juxtaposes scenes of deprivation with pictures of prominent Jews.

Broadcaster Ruvim Vygodsky, 53, had said seeing it in Moscow was "the last straw" for him and his wife.

The Jewish activists yesterday also ridiculed an article in the government newspaper "Izvestia" which asserted that 88.4 per cent of all those who apply to emigrate are given exit visas.

Numerous families from Moscow, Leningrad and Kishinev have recently been refused exit permits, they said. The authorities in every case denied permission on the grounds that the final act of the Helsinki Security Conference calls on signatories to aid the reunification of families.

The film also attacks Jewish conscience inside the Soviet Union, calling them hotheads, drunkards, and Jewish whores whose names and addresses are on the screen.

Soviet Jewish sources in particular concerned about the programme, which says "appeals to the basest of the most ignorant elements in the population."

They said that the film in itself is sufficient to serve as incitement to strong persecution of Jews, and constitutes "a clear message of intimidation both to Jews and to Jewish dissidents."

Statement by the Communist Party of Israel (Rakatz)

The Central Issue of The 9th Knesset Elections is:

EITHER A JUST AND LASTING PEACE —

OR ANOTHER WAR, MORE DESTRUCTIVE THAN THE PREVIOUS ONES

The possibility of peace was never so great as it is today.

However, the policy of the Government and the extreme rightist block — Likud — demanding different measures of territorial annexation, and denying the Palestine Arab people's right to establish an independent state alongside the State of Israel, prevents peace and is liable to lead to a fifth Israeli-Arab war, bloodier than all the previous ones.

Peace is possible. All the neighbouring Arab states, and the great majority of the PLO are willing to conclude a just and realistic peace with the State of Israel. They demand the implementation of the UN Security Council and General Assembly resolutions which recognize, as is well known, the right of the State of Israel to sovereign existence within the June 4, 1967 borders.

The Communist Party of Israel proposes to the people of Israel a just and realistic peace plan; a solution to the Israeli-Arab conflict, and to the Palestinian question.

It is a just plan — because it respects the rights of all the peoples and states in our region without exception, and insures the interests of peace and security in the Middle East and the world. It is a realistic plan — because it takes into consideration the correlation of forces in the world and our region, as well as the prospects of development.

The peace plan proposed by our party is based on the implementation of the Security Council resolutions (242,338) and those of the UN General Assembly concerning the Middle East and the Palestine question.

The plan reads:

- The June 4, 1967 lines will constitute the peace borders. Israel will withdraw all her forces from all the Arab territories seized in the June 1967 war.
- Respect for the right of the Palestine Arab people to self-determination and to establish an independent state, alongside the State of Israel
- Implementation of a just solution to the problem of the Palestine refugees, in accordance with the UN decisions, recognizing their right to choose between return to their homeland and receiving compensation.
- Respect for the right of the State of Israel and the Arab states to sovereign existence and development in conditions of peace and security.
- Guarantee of Israel's freedom of navigation through the Suez Canal and the Tiran Straits, as to all other states.
- All sides will renounce a state of belligerency and will respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all the states in the region, as well as their right to live in peace within recognized and secure borders, free from the threat or use of force.

International guarantees under UN auspices and with the participation of the Soviet Union, the United States, and other states — these are the firmest safeguards of peace and security of the proposed independent Palestine and of all the Arab states in the region.

The conditions of peace will be cemented through agreements taking the form of treaties.

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...tree in blossom on eve of Tu B'Shvat.

VIEW FROM THE NORTH / Ya'acov Ardon Bouquet of initiative for Tu Bi'Shvat

IN HONOUR of Tu B'Shvat, we have plucked some blossoms of constructive civic initiative and offer them to our readers in the form of a holiday bouquet. We hope it will cheer them up and balance the more numerous cheerless and negative happenings on the domestic scene.

AT LONG LAST Haifa is to have an "Eran" mental first-aid service like those active in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. Persons in mental anguish and contemplating suicide may phone the station at any hour round the clock and ask for first-aid without giving their name, address, identity card number, father's first name and similar information requested by authorities before they will consider our problem. (Most of them require us to call at their office during their working hours, usually coinciding with ours, or to write a letter).

Such a mental first-aid service was proposed many years ago by a psychiatrist, Dr. Gustav Dreifuss, but founded on the unwillingness of Mayor Abba Khushy to approve the costs of a telephone and an office room. He did not have much use for doctors, and with stubborn con-

stancy hastened his own death by disregard for medical advice.

Recent efforts of volunteers converged and bore fruit. Among them are professionals, students of social work and individuals working in human relations.

The municipal social welfare department, Rambam Hospital, Haifa University and Haifa's Social Services Council and qualified volunteers are joining forces to man the station 24 hours every day of the year. (Experts will train suitable volunteers for this work.)

Suicide is the outcome of an emotional crisis that can be arrested by timely action. Experience round the world has shown that a kindly and understanding word in response to a last-minute appeal, even by phone, can save lives.

Two committees are organizing the service, and the city will provide a budget, office space and a telephone. It is to the credit of Mayor Yehoram Zeisel that he comprehended a need where previous mayors failed and that he has shown appreciation for civic initiative.

A DELEGATION of ten Israeli engineers, five of them in public service, went to West Berlin last year on



Alain Delon, co-starring with Jeanne Moreau in 'Mr. Klein'

CINEMA REVIEWS Two Hemingways don't make bell toll

Lipstick (Mod, Tel Aviv). Starring Margaux and Mariel Hemingway, Chris Sarandon and Anne Bancroft.

THIS FILM has all the ingredients of a box-office hit: a brutal and fairly explicit rape, a dramatic trial, and the screen debut of two of Ernest Hemingway's grandchildren.

A photographic model (Margaux Hemingway) who sells lipstick in sexy ads, is beaten and raped by her young sister's music teacher.

The subsequent trial has real dramatic impact, thanks mainly to the forceful performance by Anne Bancroft as the tough prosecutor. Hardly surprisingly, the rapist gets off, because the jury are supposedly persuaded that the model who sells lipstick also sells her body, and probably deserves what she gets.

Having been shown how hard it is to win a rape case in beautiful California, the film follows predictable lines through to a denouement when four wrongs are supposed to make a right.

The pseudo-sociological script is so shallow and pretentious, that the only real interest lies in the question of how the beautiful Margaux Hemingway performs in her first film.

To be honest, I thought at first that she had lost her mind, and then realized that it was merely a speech defect. Her unusual beauty helps distract from the weakness of her acting. Mind you, it was such a poorly written part, that she couldn't be blamed entirely.

It is tough being pitted against your own sister, playing your sister, in a far more sympathetic role. The younger Ms. Hemingway, Mariel, puts up a convincing, if somewhat repetitive performance. And the thoughtless challenge of all was playing alongside such a reliable trouper as Anne Bancroft.

It will be interesting to see how Margaux Hemingway develops if she is given meatier roles, that is if she isn't kept too busy working on the contract she won on the strength of this performance — to sell you know what. Perhaps that is her true métier.

D.L.

Mr. Klein (Tel Aviv), with Alain Delon and Jeanne Moreau, directed by Joseph Losey.

THE STORY is about a man with a Jewish name in Paris in 1942. Monsieur Klein is a Catholic, reserved, elegant, and indifferent to the nightmare world outside his bachelor pad, which comfortably houses his sultry girl-friend and thriving art business.

One day a newsletter mailed to a Jewish namesake of his is left on his doorstep, with the original address mysteriously crossed out. In order to stave off potentially graver misunderstandings of the same sort, Klein attempts to hunt down his elusive, police-wanted, namesake, but his unfortunate fate is sealed.

This is a psychological thriller, somewhat drawn-out and with very little action, but recommended nevertheless. The film is concerned with what goes on inside Klein's head as he ventures into the cold, empty, outside — running the labyrinth that ends in a railroad box-car.

It is most of all a story about France and Frenchmen during the Nazi occupation — although no Germans appear. Mr. Klein, indeed, stands for France, for the indifference and inhumanity of the average Frenchman during that sorry period in history.

Director Joseph Losey ("The Go-Between," "The Romantic Englishwoman"), likes to move his camera around — a roving eye — but here he holds it far too often, setting it up in place of Klein's moving head. By this, we are supposed to visually share Klein's subjective experiences, but the result is so jumpy that the technique is self-defeating.

A pleasant shock in the film is to see Jeanne Moreau appearing almost out of nowhere, in a secondary role as mistress to the Jewish Klein. (Her last picture before this one, "Lumiere", which she also directed, has not arrived in Israel.) She remains, what? A beautiful, sensual face, a great star. Alain Delon, who also co-produced this picture, portrays Klein with a quiet intensity, and Juliet Berto who began her career with Jean Luc Godard in the 60's — as his girlfriend Jeanine, is also extremely good.

Yankel Doodle Dandy (Paris, Tel Aviv), starring James Cagney.

A RE-RELEASE of the famous Hollywood war-time musical, which in 1942 was made to celebrate the American way of life and arouse patriotic fervour.

The story is loosely based on the life and career of showman George M. Cohan, but most of all it is a song-and-dance vehicle for the ever-cocky James Cagney, who straight-leggedly hooted and chirped his way through the picture to his only Oscar. The film is a rare treat, except that the flag is waved so hard that you can hardly see the stripes for the stars.

S.C.

showdown on welfare policy avoided—for the time being

MARSHA POMERANTZ / Jerusalem Post Reporter

MISSING a showdown on policy when some members of the government cleared their desks and packed their bags. At best, the showdown would have centred on the draft of a bill to define the rights of the state and the rights of the citizen to give (and get) a living allowance and various services, including community development, placement of the retarded, and so on.

Both the allowance (called "Eran") and the services are payable today. Why the showdown? The law would have been "within and without the Ministry to take a stand" on it. Such is the interpretation of the law, the ministry's lawyer, who drew up the draft, insists. He says the law would have been "within and without the Ministry to take a stand" on it. Such is the interpretation of the law, the ministry's lawyer, who drew up the draft, insists.

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Three options are to be debated on defining a person's right to that allowance: One says the person who requests it must prove he is unable to support himself. A second says he is entitled to immediate help, but must prove within a stated period of time that he cannot support himself. The third, and most liberal, says anyone can receive the allowance by declaring he cannot support himself.

The assumption behind the last option is that the fact that a person does not work, is a sign he cannot function. He is therefore in need of help — and entitled to it.

Brick thinks the second alternative — the compromise — will be the one accepted.

There are other interpretations of the rights-and-obligations clauses. For instance, if the state is required to provide welfare services, and the local council is not doing its share, the Welfare Ministry can intervene and administer its own services.

The Ministry currently finances an average of 75 per cent of the expenses of social services — but the hiring and administration is done by the local authority. The local council of Mevaseret Zion recently collapsed in internal bickering, and left welfare clients under a leaky roof because they couldn't decide on which tender to accept for fixing it. The Welfare Ministry had to wait for the agreement of the Interior Ministry, which is responsible for local government, before stepping in.

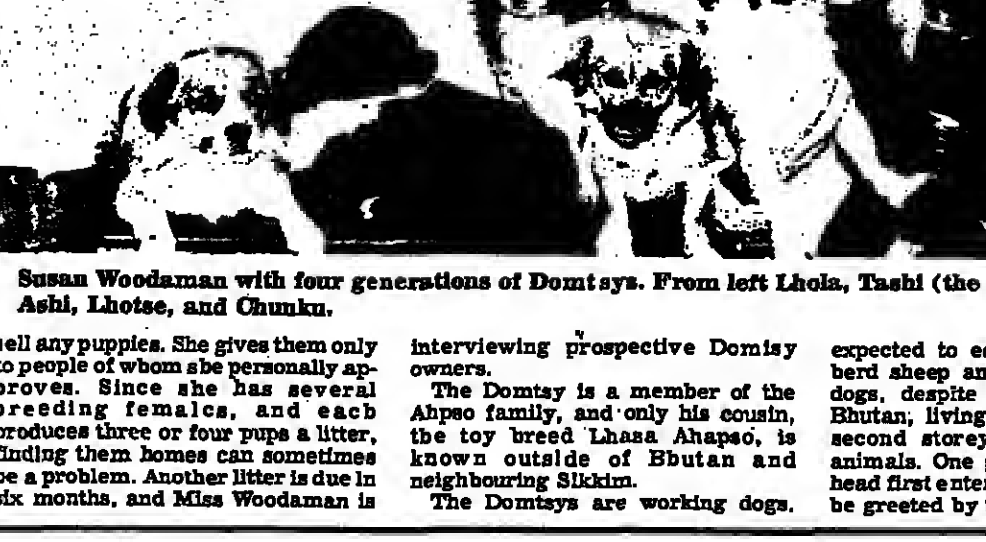
The Union of Local Authorities, which has been included in the discussion of the proposed law, is not terribly excited about having its power "usurped" in cases of alleged mismanagement — although the Ministry does foot most of the bill.

The new bill in some ways offers a compromise between the universal approach to services (for the whole population) and the selective approach (reinforce the poor). Even today, with the emphasis on the welfare of the poor (and the accompanying stigma), some general services are only available through the

Jewish television from atmosphere

The Jewish television channel, which is to be launched in the near future, is expected to provide a unique atmosphere for Jewish viewers. The channel is expected to focus on Jewish culture, religion, and community issues. It is expected to provide a platform for Jewish voices and perspectives. The channel is expected to be a significant addition to the Jewish community's media landscape.

PETS CORNER / Israel Even-Chen Jerusalemite high on Himalayan Domtys



Susan Woodman with four generations of Domtys. From left Lhola, Tashi (the lost one), Lisum, Ashi, Lhotse, and Chumku.

Lhola, the grandam of the others. Little blonde Tashi, in Susan's other arm, has had the most interesting life by far.

Given away, against her breeder's better judgement, Tashi's new owners soon found that despite her diminutive size, she was too much for them to handle. On their way to Jerusalem to return her, they gave her away to a stranger.

The idea that a valuable, rare, and beloved dog was in the hands of strangers was more than Susan could bear. She began to advertise in every newspaper in Israel, looking for the lost one. After three weeks of despair, an ad in the local Netanya newspaper was answered, and Tashi came home. Due to their rarity, the Domtys are beyond price, and Miss Woodman has wisely decided not to sell any puppies. She gives them only to people of whom she personally approves. Since she has several breeding females, and each produces three or four pups a litter, finding them homes can sometimes be a problem. Another litter is due in six months, and Miss Woodman is

interviewing prospective Domtys owners.

The Domtys is a member of the Akita family, and only his cousin, the toy breed Lhasa Apso, is known outside of Bhutan and neighbouring Sikkim.

The Domtys are working dogs, expected to earn their keep. They herd sheep and are used as guard dogs, despite their small size. In Bhutan, living quarters are on the second storey, above the family animals. One goes up a ladder and head first enters a home proper — to be greeted by the Domtys.

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STAR GAZING / Dr. Nat Pulver Finding the eye of Taurus the Bull

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the King of Phoenicia. He assumed the shape of a white bull to attract Europa into sitting on his back and then carried her off to Crete as his bride. (See the painting by Veronese.)

Just above the Bull's head is his right shoulder, formed by the tiny cluster of stars known as the Pleiades, or Seven Sisters, although only six bright stars can be seen with the naked eye. These stars are so close to each other that as they travel together, their combined light gives the impression of immense clouding. According to mythology, they are the seven daughters of Atlas and Pleione. Legend has it that there were seven great stars, but that one disappeared.

Do use your binoculars for scanning to discover much of interest that couldn't possibly be covered in these few paragraphs. Binoculars will magnify the size and the brightness of the planets and the moon. (NEVER look at the sun directly, with or without magnification.) Pick a partial moon phase for the best show.

Using binoculars, we do not apparently magnify the stars' sizes due to the immense distances involved, but their brightness is increased according to the magnification: thus you see stars too faint to be seen by the naked eye.

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Far President SAM DWERES of the Holiday Inn of Israel Ltd., the above latin phrase could be reworded as "I CAME, I SAW, I PERSEVERED".

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Nbw, the Ministry of Tourism has agreed that the Holiday Inn of Israel Ltd. can be built in Eilat. It will be a 2 or 3 star hotel with 160 rooms and a swimming pool. A new development for a 2 or 3 star hotel in Eilat will be a stove and refrigerator

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Cold cuts U.S. car production

NEW ORLEANS. — Cold weather and energy problems have cut U.S. auto production by more than 75,000 vehicles in the last week, according to top officials at Ford Motor Co. and General Motors Corp.

The weather has "already cost us 40,000 cars and trucks," said Thomas Murphy, chairman of General Motors Corp. Auto officials were here for the National Automobile Dealers Association convention.

William Burke, executive vice president for Ford Motor Co.'s North American Operations, said the automaker had "already lost 36,000 cars and trucks because of the weather. They are gone forever. We will not make up about two-thirds of the production we are losing."

The Ford and GM executives said they still expect sales to go up this year over 1976.

Low speed limits for novice drivers

Bulgaria has come up with a unique new traffic regulation — special speed limits for novice drivers.

Along with an overall reduction of speed limits to 90 km. on highways and 50 km. per hour in cities and towns, the new law compels beginners to drive slower than experienced motorists.

Family adoption

The Supreme Court dismissed an appeal against a judgment of the Beersheba District Court, delivered on April 22, 1975, (in A.C. 28675).

The appellants are a middle-aged, childless couple in comfortable circumstances. When the wife's sister gave birth to an eighth daughter, the appellants, by previous arrangement, undertook the care of the baby from birth, with the intention of adopting her.

The welfare authorities warned both couples in advance that they were likely to meet with objections to adoption proceedings, but they went ahead with their plans, despite this warning. When they eventually applied to the District Court for an adoption order, the Attorney-General opposed the application on the grounds that "family adoptions" were not in the best interests of children. The District Court rejected the adoption application, and the appellants appealed to the Supreme Court. Mr. Baratz appeared for the appellants and Mr. Resnik for the Attorney-General.

JUDGMENT

Justice Witkon, who delivered the judgment of the Supreme Court, admitted that he had found it difficult at first to understand the attitude of the Attorney-General's representative and had been inclined to attribute it, as well as the objections of the Welfare Officer, to pique over the fact that the appellants and the child's parents had ignored the authorities' warnings.

However, he continued, after studying the professional material on the subject of "family adoptions" and in particular the excellent and illuminating article by Aviva Leon (in "Saad", No. 5, September, 1976), he had finally been convinced of the justice of the Welfare Officer's objections to adoptions of the nature of that planned in the present case.

In explaining why his original misgivings had been dissipated, Justice Witkon emphasized that he found no justification for the disparaging remarks made by the Welfare Officer about the appellants and the child's parents and was quite satisfied that they had had only the best of intentions and had acted in what they considered the best interests of the child.

Right turn on red could save petrol

The high cost of petrol should prompt a re-examination of our traffic regulations against making a right turn on a red light (RTOR), reads Israel A. Cohen of Tel Aviv, writes.

RTOR means that a driver approaching a traffic light in the right-hand lane of the road comes to a full stop on red. After this full stop, however, and without waiting for the light to turn to green, he is permitted to make a right turn, having ascertained that he can do so safely, and yielding the right-of-way to cross-traffic.

Forty-six of the 50 U.S. states and most of the Canadian provinces now allow RTOR.

Virginia is one of the recent converts to adopt the general permissive RTOR rule, which allows right turns unless a sign at the intersection specifically forbids it.

Adoption of RTOR will save an estimated 12m. litres of petrol annually for Virginia motorists.

Prior to adopting RTOR, Virginia conducted traffic experiments with the following results:

- 1) RTOR reduced intersection congestion and saved an average of 14 seconds waiting time for each vehicle making a turn under the rule. This produced a significant saving in fuel and some reduction in air pollution due to motor exhausts.
- 2) About 93 per cent of all drivers actually made RTOR turns and driver compliance (stop before turning and yield right-of-way to cross-traffic) was at the 97 per cent level.
- 3) There was no change in the frequency or severity of accidents. The few RTOR-related accidents caused minor property damage and were offset by a reduction in rear-end collisions in front of the red light.
- 4) Poor visibility of cross-traffic makes some intersections hazardous for RTOR. These locations should have signs prohibiting RTOR.



Morning mists shroud most of the view of Jerusalem as trucks and cars descend the steep Castel slope on their way to the Capital. (Mike Goldberg)

Airbags to be offered in U.S. by 1980

The Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON. — General Motors and Ford will offer airbags, a safety device which automatically inflates in a crash, as an option costing from \$50 to \$100 on American cars produced for the 1980 and 1981 model years, U.S. Transportation Secretary William Coleman announced last week.

Volkswagen and Mercedes-Benz also agreed to participate in the government's demonstration project aimed at generating consumer demand for cars with additional safety equipment. Volkswagen will produce 60,000 cars equipped with its automatic seat belt system, currently offered as standard equipment on the Golf Deluxe models. Mercedes-Benz will make available 2,600 sedans with airbags, Coleman said.

TIPS FOR CAR OWNERS / Brian Aber

Avoiding minor calamities

IF THE BATTERY IS LOW...

- Check for loose or dirty battery terminals, or a faulty battery earth strap or connection to the chassis. Then inspect the generator charging wires and connections for a possible break or looseness.

IF YOUR ENGINE IS OVERHEATING...

- Don't overlook the possibility of dispersing some of your engine heat by switching on your car heater. You may cook, but you may be able to keep going without further problems.

IF YOUR BATTERY IS SPLIT...

- Patch it up with chewing gum and use a length of Polythene tube from the windshield washer system to transfer electrolyte until the cell levels are evened up.

SOME USEFUL DODGES...

- A pair of nylon stockings or pantyhose make an effective emergency fan belt. Knot them at intervals to get a suitable shape.
- Some Fuller's earth or mustard powder make a useful emergency leak stopper for the cooling system. And a roll of rubberised insulation tape will patch up even a badly split radiator hose with surprisingly good results, especially if you apply a tube patch first.
- A hubcap makes a useful container for fetching water, if you are really stuck for some sort of container.
- A bad leak in the hydraulic brake line can be overcome temporarily by blocking or folding the line. This will leave you at least some braking power, but go carefully.
- A badly tracking distributor cap can be temporarily rigged by blanking off all the track marks with Cellotape — after scraping them clean with the point of a knife.
- Provided you rectify the fault that caused a fuse to blow, silver paper from a cigarette packet makes a temporary substitute.
- To gain access to a car locked with the keys inside, fish with a length of hawt wire, pushed through the door sealing rubber, until you "catch" the lock button.

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The Arab Israel Bank Ltd.

SUBSIDIARY OF BANK LEUMI LE-ISRAEL B.M.

Condensed Balance Sheet as at December 31, 1976

	IL	1975 IL
Share capital	3,500,000	3,500,000
Reserves and surplus	6,723,000	4,241,000
Deposits	10,223,000	7,741,000
Special deposit from a subsidiary of the parent company	236,408,000	153,538,000
Deposits for the granting of loans	45,950,000	37,275,000
Other accounts	26,066,000	22,606,000
Liabilities on account of customers (see contra)	5,386,000	4,284,000
	4,280,000	4,179,000
	328,913,000	229,623,000

CONDENSED STATEMENT OF PROFIT AND LOSS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976

	IL	1975 IL
Operating profit before taxes on income	5,582,000	4,758,000
Provision for taxes on operating profit	3,100,000	2,950,000
Net income for the year	2,482,000	1,808,000

Bat Yam's bad example

THE PRESENT TROUBLES in Bat Yam, the country's fifth largest city, go back more than two years.

It was already then that two city councilmen of the Likud faction, Maurice Abutbul and Yehuda Shekel, threatened to team up with the Alignment Opposition to unseat Mayor Yitzhak Walker, himself a Likud representative. Their reason was Walker's refusal to have them appointed as salaried deputy mayors.

At the Likud's behest, the matter came to Judge Shlomo Lowenberg's court in October 1974. The judge had come harsh words for Abutbul and Shekel who, he said, did not understand the meaning of elective office or of public service. He doubted whether they were deserving of their office, but at the same time it was beyond his power to disqualify them from voting as they pleased.

The next move was up to the Likud, and it decided to bow to the extortionate demands, and thus save their hold on the Bat Yam mayoralty. Mayor Walker himself protested, but went along with the decision.

This week, the Likud paid the price of its earlier surrender. After having been defeated in the Herut faction primaries by the mayor, Abutbul and Shekel together with another councilman, David Measika, finally carried out their threat — and Walker lost his post.

Such goings-on reflect little credit on either the Likud or the Alignment. Likud leaders should search their consciences for having allowed such characters as Abutbul and Shekel ever to get on their party list. The Alignment would do well to consider whether the short-term advantage of capturing Bat Yam's city hall might not be outweighed by tarnished reputation for having caused "Kalanterism" to rear its ugly head again.

Only one Alignment councillor, Dr. Hero Reichler, mustered enough courage to vote against Walker's ouster. He did not want, he later explained, "youngsters to feel that politics is all filth, and that there can be no decency in public life." His words are a stern reproach to his own party colleagues.

At the moment, the most likely candidate for mayor of Bat Yam is David Measika, an obscure councilman who was certainly nobody's choice when ballots were cast in the last election. Such quirks of municipal coalition politics will, of course, no longer be possible under the system of personal election of mayors, which comes into effect next year. But corrective action need not await polling day in 1978.

The secretary-general of the union of local authorities, Ze'ev Meillon, has urged that the Knesset pass immediate legislation that would prevent mayors from being ousted by coalition deals. Two Knesset Members, one from the Alignment and one from the Likud, are to sponsor a bill to that effect. No time should be lost in having it enacted into law.

Chance for a change

SUDDENLY, this week, prospects brightened dramatically for the adoption of electoral reform — for a switch, that is, from absolute proportional representation to some kind of constituency system.

If an electoral reform bill is passed on the first reading in the present Knesset, as now appears possible, even likely, the chances for its approval by the next Knesset would be greatly improved. Should the current opportunity be allowed to slip away, reform might be very long delayed.

The cause of electoral reform has enjoyed a fair measure of support in the House for some time now. The smaller parties, understandably enough, have been opposed to it, for the very good reason that it is aimed, in part, directly at them. But two of the bigger parties, namely Labour and the Liberals, have endorsed the idea in principle, and agreed to push it through.

Among their rank and file, however, enthusiasm for a change-over to a system which lays heavy stress on individual distinction, has been rather muted. There has also been heavy pressure from the partners of Labour and the Liberals — Mapam and Herut respectively — against tampering with tradition. As a result, while some blueprints have been worked out, no action has been taken.

Now there is evidence of a swell of renewed interest in electoral reform in some quarters which have previously given it no more than half-hearted support. Even some former opponents, notably in Herut, are re-examining their position. What has caused it all?

Part of the credit, no doubt must go to the Democratic Movement for Change, which has placed electoral reform at the very top of its list of legislative priorities. Prof. Yadin and his colleagues must have persuaded themselves that an alteration of the present system is not only absolutely necessary, but would also prove to be immensely popular on election day. On no other issue have they been nearly as specific.

By the same token, it would be only politic for Yadin's rivals on both the Left and the Right to try to take some of the winds out of the DMC's sails by demonstrating their own commitment to the cause of electoral change.

Regardless of motive, the practical result is entirely laudable. Reform of the country's electoral system is not a panacea for its ills, but it does offer a long overdue promise of improvement in the relationship between the people and their representatives, and between the popular representatives and the government.

A great deal will depend on the particular system devised by the Knesset. At this stage only a general framework has to be decided upon. The details, which are really what matters, may then safely be left for the next Knesset to work out. But the first step should be taken by the legislators within the next few weeks.

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Maybe someone has been looking through the wrong end of the telescope?

A limited number of tickets are available at the Cahana and Ben Naim ticket agencies, at the Student Union office and at the Jerusalem Theatre box office (open daily 4-8 p.m.).

Of aims and means

The essence of the Yadin-Shinui movement, is an attempt to ignore the aims of our society and polity, and to elevate means to the rank of ends, says ASHER MANIV.

Now there is, of course, nothing wrong with the striving for power. Indeed, politics is unthinkable without it. But if we, the voters, are not being given a fair choice of policies on the major issues of the day, then the real meaning is taken out of democracy. Power is to politics what sex is to love. Alliances made for the sake of power alone and sold to the highest bidder are therefore nothing better than the prostitution of democracy.

A special attraction — to quite a number of people, apparently — is held by the idea of a "Centre" bloc. This would be designed to catch the "floating vote" of all the Archie Bunkers of this country. It would appeal to all those fine citizens who prefer to play it safe; if they already do change their vote, they'd rather not go too far. The "Centre," as represented by Yadin's party, does not propose to offer a distinctly separate and different set of policies from those of the Right and the Left.

Because it has no answers of its own to the real questions facing Israel, it will just keep floating between Right and Left.

However, one accusation often levelled against the so-called "Centre" — and especially against the Yadin party — is not entirely justified: it is not true that they have no ideology at all. What they have

done is to transform their lack of ideology into an ideology in its own right. While they resolutely disregard goals and purposes, they have elevated the means to the rank of a high ideal.

According to them, the important question is not what kind of peace settlement we should strive for, but whether we should have a large or a small decision-making cabinet. Their preoccupation is not with the social aims of our economic policy, but with the necessity of establishing a Ministry of Economics instead of the present Ministry of Finance.

What concerns them is not the choice of policies before the voters but the system of voting.

NOW SYSTEMS, as such, are quite important. If you go on a long journey by car, the type and make of your car are not irrelevant to your purpose. Indeed you are apt to discover that not every type of car fits all types of climatic, topographical and road conditions (which is another way of saying that one has to be very careful in choosing systems of government from abroad).

Moreover, if the aim of your journey is not clear, the best car on earth will not get you there.

You are in real trouble, however, once you start treating your car as

your very aim. And once your lack of real aim has stopped being a temporary failure and has become an ideology, you will be ruled by those mechanisms which should only get you to your destination — and of course by the technocrats who administer them.

This, it seems, is an aspect ignored by all the so-called political observers who have recognized the weakness of the Yadin and Sharon parties, and have been content only to smile ironically at them.

It may be true that Yadin has simply copied the Alignment platform on foreign and defence policy, while adopting the Likud stand on economic and social matters. But there is more to it than that. Yadin and his school do not merely foreclose discussion of what Israeli politics is all about; they are, in fact, another power grab by the technocratic elite, who have no other values except the smooth running of our affairs for us, with suitable benefits for those who do the running.

This is all the more dangerous because, if Israeli society has failed (as many of us tend to think), it was not so much for lack of efficiency and competent administration, but for lack of public vision and social values. Our governmental mechanism may have been faulty,

but no more so than in the old pre-State times, when the Yishuv was rightly famous for its idealism.

ON THE CONTRARY, if there is a factor which can be singled out as being responsible for the deterioration of our society, it is exactly its worship of efficiency and achievement.

For years now our standards have been set by a new elite, made up of the new class of managers in public and private sector, who indeed claim considerable credit for the competent running of the businesses of a group of politicians who proudly proclaimed their contempt for the "hypocrisy" of the type "servant of the movement" and who made careerism, rather than the gliding wings of riches, which proved that practical compromise was more important than all your old-fashioned ethics and social ideals.

They had arrived — and had done so by making achievements and efficiency their major (if not their only) aim — even if it broke some laws. The danger which has recently come to light, not all of it proven in the court yet — sprang from the soil of a type which had elevated means to rank of ends.

Now we are being asked to take the same road in the sphere of politics. The only message Yadin and school are offering in the election campaign is a change in mechanism of power — nothing is being said about what power should be used for. In the name of "Democratic Change" are asked to cure the ills of our society, by transplanting them into politics. This is like treating alcoholism by addiction to drugs.

POSTSCRIPTS

WHAT IT ALL boils down to is not just a jockeying for positions, but an expression of supreme contempt for the Israeli voters by their would-be representatives. If all these nefarious neo-bolshevik alliances could be considered seriously at all, the only possible conclusion would be that the actual issues don't matter a hoot. What really matters is only power — under whatever name, with whatever slogan, and with whatever suitable vote-catching partner.



Montefiore crest bears word 'Yerushalayim' in Hebrew.

IT IS MORE than three years now since a decision was taken in principle to bring the remains of Sir Moses and Lady Montefiore from England for re-interment in Israel. Most Israelis, not only the Sephardic community, feel that it is fitting that the man who did so much for this country and for the Jews of Jerusalem should be buried on Mount Herzl.

Mr. Reuven Kashani, who approached the Montefiore family in London on the matter, has now been told that the plans are afoot and that it is hoped that the Montefiore re-interment will take place during the 30th anniversary celebrations of the State of Israel.

A READER who follows Middle East affairs closely tells us that he has managed to get hold of a recent issue of "Events," the English-language version of Beirut's prestigious "Al-Hawadith" weekly which is now being published in London.

He notes that "Events" seems bent on demonstrating its evenhandedness with regard to Israel's internal affairs.

On Page 24 of the issue he has just received there is a picture of the Mayor of Nahalut, Bassam Shakra, over the caption "Defence Minister Peres."

The balance is restored, he says, with an item on another page, headed "Militant Days for Rabin." This ends "With Mapam having declared their willingness to cooperate with Peres, but not with Rabin, and now that the Likud is firmly united behind Menachem Begin, there are difficult days ahead for Rabin and his moderate allies in the Labour Party."

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READERS' LETTERS

NEEDED: A RETURN TO LAUSANNE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — What we should seek in 1977 is not a reconvening of the Geneva Conference, but a resurrection of the Lausanne Conference which, after World War I, was meant to dispose of the Ottoman Empire and satisfy the aspirations of the oppressed peoples of the area: Kurds, Armenians, Assyrians, Jews, etc., whose title in the Middle East is at least as good as that of the Arabs.

Just as oil and imperial interests managed to create a haphazard states in Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait and elsewhere, which enabled the Arabs to usurp power in the Middle East to the exclusion of all others. Recent events in the Lebanon are a continuation of this process; the Arab regimes rightly fear Israel as a challenge to their greed.

Lausanne Conference should examine all the problems of the region, including perhaps Cyprus, and produce an overall settlement involving all parties concerned.

It is in Lausanne and not in Geneva that the Palestinians will find their accommodation.

Eilat. N.E. DANGOOR

BIRTH CONTROL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In your editorial of January 24, you state that there is an "official taboo which bars the Ministry of Health and Sick Funds from disseminating information on birth control." This is inaccurate.

Our Association has published an information booklet for general use, of which more than 20,000 copies have been distributed free of charge through Kupat Holim and Mother and Child Care Centres of the Ministry of Health, and we receive daily requests for additional copies.

Moreover, we have recently published a handbook for professionals in health and welfare services who are being trained by the Ministry and Kupat Holim to provide family planning advice throughout the country. The Ministry of Health has itself published an information booklet on family planning in Arabic, and the Health Education Department of Kupat Holim has produced a series of slides on contraception which are used extensively for public education.

While it is true that family planning services are not yet readily available in every clinic, yet the health authorities are in the process of organizing these services.

JENNI TSAFRIR, Executive Secretary, Israel Family Planning Association, Tel Aviv.

Open Letter to Ezer Weizman

Dear Ezer,

Why the dramatic size of your Likud ad and those big, big letters? Is it meant for blind citizens?

I am disappointed. I would have appreciated, if the party I voted for in the past, had set an example of austerity considering the economic situation of the country and tried to save the maximum of taxpayers' money.

I am amused by your sudden and generous use of the word CHANGE. Is the wind blowing so strong from Haifa? Please, it's not very nice to "borrow" that word, dear Ezer. Remember, the nation is tired of stealing...

For the little you had to say that was new, a 1/4 page would have been sufficient, and saved thousands of pounds... To an intelligent voter you made one thing clear: the one CHANGE that will not come from Likud. Waste of money, free careless spending.

Talking of money, it is said that Mr. Begin was not aware that his party ran up this debt of 11.60 million. Let us believe that. But does that mean that Herut is already now penetrated with dishonest, irresponsible people?

Am I to understand that the Likud is now considering meaningful territorial concessions on the Golan and in Sinai?

A party is not a religion. Therefore moves from traditional positions are necessary as situations and events change. But have we all forgotten that right after the Six Day War, Israel never even thought of expanding, only of keeping safe borders! And the cry was: Everything back for peace, except Jerusalem and the Golan Heights!

If Matti Peled says today we could survive without the West Bank, I trust he knows what he is talking about.

You confuse me. In one interview you said Mr. Begin is the biggest asset to our daily life, with the love and respect for hard work the Jewish people once had — mature men, who are prepared to share leadership with the young generation who gave so much blood for this land.

I am not voting for Likud this time. I am giving a chance to a real Change.

EDANA G. MARASH, Eilat

ANTI-SEMITISM IN FRANCE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I have just read your article, "Anti-Semitism French style" (January 21). Having served in the French Army, I've learnt a lot about the feelings of the French towards the Jews — maybe that is what helped me to decide to come on aliyah. I was told many times that, even if I did my army service like everybody else in France, I could still not be considered a real Frenchman because I was a Jew.

Although state and religion are separate in France, it is still usual to consider only Christians as authentic Frenchmen.

When I enquired why they did not like the Jews, the answer was mostly: "I don't know — because my parents feel that way." Anti-Semitism appears to be traditional in France — transmitted from father to son. But this latent anti-Semitism does not seem to be strong enough to convince the French Jews to leave Israel in greater numbers.

F. COHEN, Kibbutz Revivim.

Sir, — The cover of your May of January 21 is undoubtedly excellent one, but it certainly does illustrate French anti-Semitism taken from the comic "The adventures of Tintin" which is not a French creation, but a Belgian one.

In closing, may I point out some French people do try to come to this antipathy and combat it in order to get to know their people.

JEAN-PIERRE BULL, French colony, Kibbutz Yifat.

PENFRIENDS

ULRIKE BOTTICOR (USA) Potsdam-Heimann-Werder, East Germany, would like to correspond with young Israelis.

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